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VIA Electronic Mail

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In Re: Determination of Aggregate Measurable Cost Savings

For The Fourth Assessment Year (2009)

FILING COVERSHEET

Dear Ms. Burke:

Enclosed for filing please find the following:

SUBMITTED BY:

Christopher T. Roach

DATE:

June 23, 2008

DOCUMENT TITLE:

Anthem Health Plans of Maine, Inc.'s Designation of Witnesses

and Summary of Testimony

DOCUMENT TYPE:

Designation

CONFIDENTIAL:

NO

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Christopher T. Roach

STATE OF MAINE DIRIGO HEALTH AGENCY

IN RE:)	
DETERMINATION OF AGGREGATE) ANTHEM HEALTH PLA	NS
MEASURABLE COST SAVINGS FOR	OF MAINE, INC.'S	
THE FOURTH ASSESSMENT YEAR) DESIGNATION OF	
(2009)) WITNESSES AND	
) SUMMARY OF TESTIM	ONY
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Pursuant to the Board of Directors of the Dirigo Health Agency's ("DHA Board")

Procedural Order on Intervention and Procedures dated May 20, 2008, Anthem Health Plans of

Maine, Inc. d/b/a/ Anthem Blues Cross and Blue Shield ("Anthem BCBS") files this designation

of witnesses identifying each person that it may call as a witness at hearing, together with a

summary of the expected testimony of each witness.

The Dirigo Health Agency has provided voluminous materials in connection with its initial filing, and supplemented that filing on several occasions with disks containing additional voluminous materials that are still under review. As such, the designations herein are of necessity preliminary in nature and are subject to modification as we receive and review additional materials and our witnesses continue their analysis of the various AMCS methodologies proposed by DHA in its report. Anthem BCBS reserves the right to call the individuals listed herein to testify at hearing, but does not affirmatively represent that any such individuals will ultimately be called to testify at hearing. Anthem BCBS also reserves the right 1) to call all witnesses designated by any other party to this proceeding, 2) designate other witnesses should any of its witnesses become unavailable for hearing, and 3) designate other

witnesses based upon the receipt of documents and other information produced in this proceeding. Subject to these reservations, Anthem BCBS provides the following designations:

1. Sharon Roberts

Sharon Roberts
Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield
2 Gannett Drive
South Portland, ME 04106
Tel: (207) 822-7000

Sharon Roberts is the Director of Stakeholder Relations for Anthem BCBS in its Maine office. She has participated in past assessment hearings by preparing prefiled testimony and testifying both before the DHA Board and Bureau of Insurance. Ms. Roberts' expected testimony will include an explanation of (1) Anthem BCBS's interest in this proceeding and the reasons for its intervention, (2) how healthcare provider costs, and hence any savings, are included in premium rates, (3) the unique demographics and characteristics of Maine that make if difficult to compare to other states when determining aggregate measurable cost savings, and (4) any problems that Anthem BCBS perceives in the proposed methodology for the fourth assessment. Ms. Roberts does not at this time intend to offer documents or other evidence at the hearing other than her prefiled testimony and documents or evidence produced by the Dirigo Health Agency or any other party in this or any of the previous AMCS proceedings and through FOIA requests, but Anthem BCBS reserves the right to supplement this designation in advance of the hearing. Ms. Roberts is not an attorney, and accordingly, will offer no legal opinion on whether any of the cost saving measures that the DHA proposes may be counted within the calculation of aggregate measurable costs under the Dirigo legislation.

2. Vincent Liscomb Jr.

Vincent Liscomb Jr. Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Tel: (207) 822-7000

Vincent Liscomb is Executive Director Provider Network Management for Anthem BCBS and heads up a team with significant expertise in contract negotiations with hospitals and physicians in Maine. Mr. Liscomb's expected testimony will include an explanation of (1) the mechanics of hospital and physician contracting in Maine, (2) how Anthem BCBS's contracting process has changed since the implementation of the Dirigo legislation, (3) the steps Anthem BCBS has taken to determine whether its network providers have experienced savings that result from the operation of Dirigo Health, and (4) how the reduction in MaineCare reimbursement shifts costs from government payors to the commercially insured population. Mr. Liscomb does not at this time intend to offer documents or other evidence at the hearing other than his prefiled testimony and documents or evidence produced by the Dirigo Health Agency or any other party in this or any of the previous AMCS proceedings and through FOIA requests, but Anthem BCBS reserves the right to supplement this designation in advance of the hearing Mr. Liscomb is not an attorney, and accordingly, will offer no legal opinion on whether any of the cost saving measures that the DHA proposes may be counted within the calculation of aggregate measurable costs under the Dirigo legislation.

William Whitmore – Fact and Expert Witness 3.

William Whitmore Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield 2 Gannett Drive South Portland, ME 04106 Tel: (207) 822-7000

William Whitmore is an Actuary and Director of Maine and New Hampshire Local Group Pricing for Anthem BCBS with substantial experience in health insurance pricing, trend analysis, and valuation. He has participated in past assessment hearings by preparing prefiled testimony and testifying both before the DHA Board and the Bureau of Insurance. Mr. Whitmore's expected testimony will include an explanation of how healthcare provider costs, and hence any savings, are included in premium rates, and why the rate of cost growth fluctuates year-to-year irrespective of Dirigo Health. In addition, his testimony may include analysis and commentary on the methodology proposed by the DHA for determination of aggregate measurable cost savings in the fourth assessment year. Mr. Whitmore does not at this time intend to offer documents or other evidence at the hearing other than his prefiled testimony and documents or evidence produced by the Dirigo Health Agency or any other party in this or any of the previous AMCS proceedings and through FOIA requests, but Anthem BCBS reserves the right to supplement this designation in advance of the hearing. Mr. Whitmore is not an attorney, and accordingly, will offer no legal opinion on whether any of the cost saving measures that the DHA proposes may be counted within the calculation of aggregate measurable costs under the Dirigo legislation.

4. <u>Vincent Maffei – Expert Witness</u>

Vincent Maffei WellPoint, Inc. 370 Bassett Road North Haven, CT 06473-4201

Vincent Maffei is Senior Biostatistician/Health Economist in the Advanced Analytics & Innovation Department of WellPoint, Inc. A copy of Mr. Maffei's CV is attached. Mr. Maffei's expected testimony will explain the purpose and critical components of a multivariate regression analysis and provide analysis and commentary on the methodology proposed by the DHA for determination of aggregate measurable cost savings in the fourth assessment year. Mr. Maffei does not at this time intend to offer documents or other evidence at the hearing other than his

prefiled testimony and documents or evidence produced by the Dirigo Health Agency or any other party in this or any of the previous AMCS proceedings and through FOIA requests, but Anthem BCBS reserves the right to supplement this designation in advance of the hearing. Mr. Maffei is not an attorney, and accordingly, will offer no legal opinion on whether any of the cost saving measures that the DHA proposes may be counted within the calculation of aggregate measurable costs under the Dirigo legislation.

5. <u>Jack Burke – Expert Witness</u>

Jack Burke Consulting Actuary Milliman Inc 1550 Liberty Ridge Drive Suite 200 Wayne, PA 19087-5572

DATED: June 23, 2008

Mr. Burke will be a joint witness for the Maine Association of Health Plans ("MEAHP") and Anthem BCBS. Anthem BCBS incorporates by reference the designation submitted by MEAHP.

/s/ Christopher T. Roach Christopher T. Roach, Esq.

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Certificate of Service

I, Christopher T. Roach, Esq. certify that the foregoing Designation of Witnesses and Summary of Testimony was served this day upon the following parties via Electronic Mail.

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Dated: June 23, 2008

/s/ Christopher R. Roach Christopher T. Roach, Esq.

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